JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Investment decisions have to be taken by parties having access to investible resources and with reference to their own investment criteria. It is difficult to assign any specific reason for the slow response to the investment opportunities created in the country for OEDC parties. Suggestions or proposals received from OEDC investors regarding taxation and administrative regulations are considered on merits.

(c) and (d) Information will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) It is not desirable to disclose details of current proposals at this stage.

(f) No change in the OEDC investment scheme is being considered by Government at this stage.

Agricultural Exports to WANA countries

2456. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed food from India to each of the West Asian and North African countries and Iran separately for each year from 1980-81 to 1984-85;

(b) what changes have been witnessed in respect of volume and products exported to these countries since 1980-81; and

(c) what are the future prospects for agricultural exports to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed foods from India to each of the West Asian and North African countries and Iran are available for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 in the Published Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by the Directorate General of Commercials Intelligence and Statistics. Similar data for succeeding years has not been compiled and published.

(c) Reasonably good prospects exist for export of agricultural commdities to these countries.

AEPCS request for Liberal Import of Representation against merger of Luxmi

2457. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has requested Government for liberal import of the lastest technology in textiles in order to compete with neighouring cuntries; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2458. Transferred to the 22nd August, 1985].

Representations against merger of Luxmi Commercial Bank with Canara Bank

2459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several representations from the employees of the Luxmi Commercial Bank Limited, Delhi against the proposed merger of the Bank with that of Canara Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is being proposed in view of the genuine grievances of all concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Government have received representations, including one from the employees of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi, against the proposed amalgamation

of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi with Canara Bank. Weighing all relevant factors, it has been decided to merge the Bank with Canara bank.

Payments of debts to NTC by NCCF

2460. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF (National Consumers Cooperative Federation) and its various constituents have not been properly paying back its debts to the National Textile Corporation Limited and its various subsidiaries against the supply bills;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount of outstanding dues payable by the National Consumers Cooperative Federation to National Textile Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries alongwith the details of money payable by other constituents of the National Consumers Cooperative Federation; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken by Government to settle the matter between the two organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The total outstanding dues payable by NCCF to NTC Subsidiaries against the supply of controlled cloth as on 15-7-1985, as per the account books maintained by NTC are given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1. Basic ex-mill price (above 30 days) . .	602.45
2. Subsidy amount (withheld for period prior to 16-7-83) .	348.05
3. Interest and other amount .	116.85
TOTAL	1067.35

(d) Instructions have been issued for settling these dues immediately. Currently the reconsiliation of accounts where necessary is being carried out by the two organisations.

Mass recruitment in NTC (WBABO)

2461. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has since been made regarding the inquiry into the question of mass recruitment by the present Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta during the period from July 1984 to November, 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Managing director and Director (Personnel) have been involved in the matter; and

(c) if so, what action is being proposed to be taken by Government to change the Board of Directors immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The trainees have since been 'disengaged' and two officers have been placed under suspension. Enquiry and investigation is proceeding.

Proposal for partial closure of HSCO, Burnpur

2462. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close partially HSCO, Burnpur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) the extent to which it will affect the labour force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) HSCO has been incurring heavy losses in the